

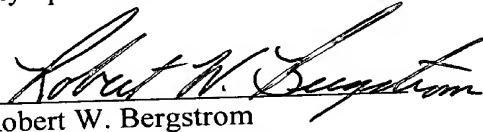
REMARKS

Claims 28-37 are pending in the current application. In an Office Action dated April 26, 2005, the Examiner rejected claims 1 and 2 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite, rejected claims 1-7, 9-18, and 20-27 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Birrell et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,332,175 ("Birrell"), and rejected claims 8 and 19 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being patentable over Birrell in further view of the manual page of the Unix command 'dd' in the GNU fileutils 4.0 package.

In the above amendment, Applicants' representative has cancelled originally filed claims 1-27 and included new claims 28-37. Applicants' representative believes that neither the 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, the 35 U.S.C. §102(e), nor the 35 U.S.C. §103(a) rejections of the originally filed claims apply to the newly added claims. For example, in newly added independent claim 28, the portable media player claimed in claim 28 includes greater than two different random-access-memory buffer areas, each lockable and unlockable by the processor, with compressed data written by the non-volatile, mass-storage component only to unlocked random-access-memory buffers, while compressed data is read by the codec component only from a locked random-access-memory buffer. As discussed in the paragraph beginning on line 27 of page 17 of the current application, this technique provides for a larger total buffer space for transferring data from the non-volatile, mass-storage component to memory at any given time. Birrell, by contrast, does not mention buffer locking, or other components, features, or control methods for preventing conflicts between RAM and the disk drive in Birrell's disclosed device.

In Applicants' representative's opinion, all of the claims remaining in the current application are clearly allowable. Favorable consideration and a Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

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